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SUBJECT: CRISIS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MUSICH AND FOREIGN MINISTER?

REF (A) BUENOS AIRES 6017, (B) STATE 226208

1. POLCOUNS WAS TOLD BY RANKING OFFICER IN UCR AT LUNCH TODAY THAT LATTER HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED BY ONE OF FONMIN GUZZETTI'S AIDES THAT REAL REASON FOR AMBASSADOR MUSICH'S ABRUPT RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES HAS TO DO WITH DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND FONMINISTER. AIDE REPORTEDLY INDICATED GUZZETTI HAD REACHED STAGE OF OFFERING TO RESIGN HIMSELF IF MUSICH WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY REPLACED AS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. ONE OF GUZZETTI'S STANDING COMPLAINTS WITH MUSICH HAS PROBABLY BEEN THAT LATTER TENDS TO ANSWER MORE TO MIN OF ECONOMY MARTINEZ DE HOZ THAN TO FOREIGN MINISTER. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER SOURCE, HOWEVER, ISSUE WHICH BROUGHT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO MEN TO A HEAD WAS THAT MUSICH RECEIVED FATHER WEEKS IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY AND SENT REPORT ON HIS CONVERSATION TO MINISTRY. WHEN GUZZETTI SAW REPORT, HE ALLEGEDLY WENT THROUGH THE CEILING AND DEMANDED THAT MUSICH RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO BUENOS AIRES.

2. COMMENT: WHILE MUSICH NATURALLY ENOUGH SAID NOTHING OF THIS TO ME IN HIS CONVERSATION YESTERDAY (SEE REFTEL A), IT IS NOT AN IMPLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION OF HIS ABRUPT RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE ON SUBJECT
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3. CAN DEPARTMENT CONFIRM THAT MUSICH DID IN FACT RECEIVE FATHER
WEEKS DURING PAST WEEK OR SO?
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